

What is claimed is:

1. A fan control apparatus which cools the inside of an equipment body by a cooling fan provided in said equipment body comprising:

temperature detecting means for detecting the temperature in said equipment body;

temperature control means for controlling said cooling fan according to the temperature value detected by said temperature detecting means;

communication means for communicating with a server connected to said equipment body by means of a network; and

time control means for controlling said cooling fan according to the time value based on the communication commencement by said communication means;

wherein the control of said cooling fan is performed by using said temperature control means and said time control means.

2. A fan control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said communication means performs communication for a definite duration at every predetermined time and said time control means stops the operation of said cooling fan until the time value of said definite duration elapses.

3. A fan control apparatus according to claim 2, wherein

said time control means changes the time value of said definite duration in response to the absolute time.

4. A fan control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein operation mode control means is provided for controlling said cooling fan in response to the operation mode of said equipment body.

5. A fan control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ramp-shaped rising control means is provided for controlling the rotational frequency of said cooling fan such that it rises like a ramp-shape.

6. A fan control method which cools the inside of an equipment body by a cooling fan provided in said equipment body comprising:

communication step for communicating by using communication means with a server connected to said equipment body by means of a network;

temperature detecting step for detecting the temperature in said equipment body by using temperature detecting means;

temperature control step for controlling said cooling fan by using temperature control means according to the temperature value detected by said temperature detecting means; and

time control step for controlling said cooling fan by using time control means according to the time value based on the communication commencement by said communication means;

wherein the control of said cooling fan is performed by using said temperature control means and said time control means.

7. A fan control method according to claim 6, wherein said communication step performs communication for a definite duration at every predetermined time and said time control step stops the operation of said cooling fan until the time value of said definite duration elapses.

8. A fan control method according to claim 7, wherein said time control step changes the time value of said definite duration in response to the absolute time.

9. A fan control method according to claim 6, wherein operation mode control step is provided for controlling said cooling fan by using operation mode control means in response to the operation mode of said equipment body.

10. A fan control method according to claim 6, wherein ramp-shaped rising control step is provided for controlling the

rotational frequency of said cooling fan by using ramp-shaped rising control means such that it rises like a ramp-shape.